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St. Matthew to Host Regional STEM Science Fair on February 26

Hillsboro, Ore. (February 19, 2016) – As part of an ongoing focus to bring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to the forefront of its curriculum, St. Matthew Catholic School will host a regional middle school science fair on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 4pm, in conjunction with Intel's Northwest Science Expo (NWSE).

Held on campus in the St. Matthew Parish Hall, the St. Matthew Regional Middle School Science Expo will serve as a pre-qualifying event for the NWSE state fair on April 23, 2016, and will be open to Catholic school and home school students in grades 5-8 throughout the greater Portland area.

At St. Matthew's regional expo, students will present their work based on hands-on science inquiries and engineering projects to judges. Participants may work alone or in groups of up to three; however, they may only present one project for judging. Students can submit projects that fall into one of several categories, including chemistry, physics and microbiology. For a complete list of categories, visit www.nwse.org. An adult sponsor, typically a parent or teacher, is required to register with each student. Up to ten projects from the regional expo can then be registered at the NWSE state fair.

More than 100 prizes – including cash prizes – are awarded at the NWSE in the spring, with the highest middle school award being Best of Fair. Two projects are chosen each year to receive this top honor. Additionally, the top ten percent of 6th-8th grade students will receive nominations to the Broadcom MASTERS, a national science competition usually held in Washington, D.C.

All local Catholic school and home school middle school students are invited to attend the St. Matthew Regional Middle School Science Expo in February. Rules and regulations for this fair follow the guidelines used by the NSWE, and can be found at www.nwse.org. Visit www.stmatthewschoolhillsboro.com/STEM for registration details.

About St. Matthew Catholic School

St. Matthew Catholic School, located in the heart of Hillsboro, has been teaching academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment since 1914. Educational opportunities are available for preschool ages 3-4, full-day Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. Students thrive in a loving, supportive environment. The school is distinguished by its challenging curriculum, rigorous academic standards, spiritual growth, high expectations, dedicated staff, involved parents, and supportive parish community.

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